Dear readers of the Turkish Journal of Surgery,

First of all, I am deeply saddened to share the news of the recent passing of a valued colleague within our surgical community. Ahmet Çınar Yasti, who served as Secretary General of the Turkish Surgical Association, was a warm and inspiring personality as well as a successful professional. His contributions to the surgery, especially to the burn therapy, were immense, and his absence will be profoundly felt. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their family, friends, and colleagues. Ahmet Çınar Yasti will be remembered for their passion, expertise, and the lasting impact they made on the surgical community.

As we gather for the final issue of 2023, it is a moment of reflection, gratitude, and remembrance.

In the ever-evolving field of surgery, this year has been marked by exceptional strides, groundbreaking research, and unwavering dedication from our contributors. Our 2023 volume summarizes the culmination of these efforts and presents the latest insights and developments in surgical practice that promise to shape the future of our discipline.

In a move toward embracing innovative educational formats, we introduced a new section to our journal - Video Articles. This addition aimed to provide a dynamic and immersive platform for the presentation of surgical techniques, case studies, and educational content. This new format has attracted great interest from both authors and readers. We believe that this multimedia approach will enhance the learning experience for our readers and contribute to the dissemination of practical knowledge in the surgical community.

In the spirit of reflection, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all the authors who entrusted us with their valuable research and insights. Your dedication to advancing surgical knowledge has been essential to the success of our journal. I would also like to express my gratitude to each member of our editorial team for their hard work, dedication and passion for the field of surgery. Together we have overcome challenges, celebrated successes and continued to encourage a community dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in surgical research and practice.

I would also like to express our sincere thanks to our publisher, Bilimsel Tıp Yayınevi, and our technology partner, Yazılım Parkı, for their support and dedication to the smooth production and distribution of our journal.

Looking ahead to the new year, 2024 holds the promise of further innovation, collaboration, and breakthroughs in the world of surgery. May the coming year bring health, happiness, and continued success to each of you, our esteemed readers, contributors, and partners.

On behalf of the editorial team of TJS I wish for a Merry Christmas for our international readers and Happy New Year for all!

Warm regards,

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